(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the practice of declaring MSP for coffee is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) No, Sir.
(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Instalment of Dearness Allowance

*13. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the next instalment of Dearness Allownace/Dearness Relief to the Central Government Employees/ Pensioners has become due w.e.f. 1st January, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of increase to be given to the Central Government Employees/Pensioners; and

(c) by when Government will take a final decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees is revised twice a year from 1st January and 1st July payable with the salary for the months of March and September respectively. The instalment due from 1st January normally becomes payable with the salary for the month of March, paid in April. Dearness Relief to Pensioners is interlinked with Dearness Allowance and is likewise payable. The decision in the matter will be taken well in time.